U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOHN FORD <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, BRAINTREE DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT UNIT, Braintree, Mass.

Docket No. 97-532; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 4, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly terminated appellant's compensation benefits on the grounds that he refused an offer of suitable work pursuant to section 8106(c)(2) of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office dated August 8, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 8, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 4, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member